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WEDDING fever hit Milton Keynes on Friday as thousands of people took to the streets to celebrate the nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton in true British style.

People of all creeds, colours and ages united to mark the wedding of the couple, who will now be known as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Across the area the feeling among residents was one of jubilation, and not even April showers could rain on their parades.

MK NEWS visited several of the celebrations to find out how residents were marking the occasion - see inside this souvenir wrap for the full story and pictures.

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Right: Joy Maclean, 83, of Cambridge Street, Wolverton

Below: Mark and Jack Appleton, Clarence Road, Stony Stratford

City celebrates in style

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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THERE were about 50 parties that took place throughout Milton Keynes to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

The Cambridge Street party in Wolverton, believed to be the city's biggest, saw more than 300 people enjoy live performances from musicians and youth dance group Frantic UK.

Michelle Wheeler, 37, is a member of the Cambridge Street Committee which organised the event.

She said: "It's taken us around two months to organise. Wolverton is a wonderful place to live, and this just shows how close knit this community is."

Other street parties included ones in Leary Crescent, Newport Pagnell, and Clarence Road, Stony Stratford.

Even the little ones had their fun with facepainting sessions at the Frog and Nightgown in Newport Pagnell and street-style parties at Oxley Park Primary School and Russell Street Primary School in Stony Stratford.

More than 24 million people watched the royal wedding on TV across the nation, with many glued to their screens in Milton Keynes.

John Foster, 71, of Leary Street, Newport Pagnell, was one of those who watched the wedding at home.

He said: "It was good – before now the royal weddings have been too regal. What I liked today was that it was more down to earth and made for the people, rather than just for the royal family. Seeing a row of buses taking people to the wedding rather than a row of carriages was great."

City MP Iain Stewart watched the royal wedding from his office window in Westminster.

He said: "It was such an honour to have the opportunity to see some of this historic event up close. There was a great atmosphere in Parliament for the few MPs whose offices overlook Whitehall the corridors were filled with bunting and there was lots of cheering and flag waving."

And Shelley and Paul Griffith, of Wolverton, marked the day by getting married at Bradwell Abbey.

Mr Griffith said: "It went really well and Shelley looked absolutely fantastic. It was great to see all our friends and family there."

Above: Cambridge Street, Wolverton

Top right: Oxley Park School

Above right: Russell Stree School

Right: Leary Crescent, Newport Pagnell

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The dental surgery and health centre by Stantonbury Local Centre which will go if regenration plans are passed

School tries something new with Sainsbury's

Campus and shopping centre set for massive makeover with input from supermarket

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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PLANS to give a city campus a multi-million-pound facelift have been revealed this week.

Under the scheme, Stantonbury Campus School, which teaches around 2,500 students, would have a complete overhaul, which would include new state-of-the-art educational buildings.

Stantonbury Local Centre in Purbeck would also get a makeover with the existing shops knocked down to make way for a new Sainsbury's, shops and cafes.

The doctor's surgery and dentist would be moved into a high-quality primary health centre and a new community centre would be built.

The news has been welcomed by residents who say the run-down area is in desperate need of a facelift – but they want to have their say on the plans.

Grace Quinn, 68, a resident in Kersey, Stantonbury, said: "The area at the moment has just been left to rot – it's a disgrace.

"However, we want to be consulted. There's a lot of concern over the size of the supermarket and where it will go, but our main concern is the traffic as there are three schools there. The traffic is hurrendous in the mornings when the parents are taking their kids to school.

"Anything which creates jobs is a good thing.

"We'd be happy to have a Sainsbury's and some decent shops."

A screening request has been submitted to Milton Keynes Council by Stantonbury Campus and Sainsbury's Supermarkets Limited, which will look at the impact the development will have on traffic and the environment. A planning application is expected to be submitted once this has been completed.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said: "Stantonbury Campus and Sainsbury's are working together to bring forward proposals to transform the campus and regenerate Stantonbury Local Centre.

"A planning application has not been submitted and the campus and Sainsbury's are fully committed to consulting with the local community before plans are finalised.

"Further information about the project and consultation will be available over the coming weeks."

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The stadiummk site where a two-storey retail development has been granted permission by MK Council

City shops' owner opposed to Dons' stadium retail plan

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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THE owners of a city shopping centre believe the decision to approve a new out-of-town retail development could be a move in the wrong direction for Milton Keynes.

A two-storey retail unit at stadiummk has been given the go-ahead by Milton Keynes Council's planning committee.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the development, being built by MK Dons' chairman Pete Winkelman's company Inter MK, will be taken on by Marks & Spencers.

It is expected to be open by September and Mr Winkelman hopes it will eventually form part of a larger retail development housing six further stores.

After the meeting Mr Winkelman said: "I'm really, really pleased. It has really given the green light to complete the development which is truly needed in Milton Keynes. It is a big investment for the city."

MK Dons' chairman Pete Winkelman is 'really, really pleased'

However, at the planning meeting last Wednesday the application for the new store received opposition from Legal and General, owners of Midsummer Place in CMK.

Following the council's decision a spokesman from the company said: "Legal and General objects to the planning application at Denbigh North because it will attract investment out of the town centre.

"If allowed, and given the retailers already announced for this site, Legal and General expects this will damage the future prospects for new shopping and leisure facilities in the town centre, which would work against the best interests of keeping Milton Keynes a thriving town centre."

Anthony Ross, spokesman for the joint owners of thecentre:mk, added any development outside the city centre must not pose a threat to existing retailers.

He said: "As long term investors in the centre of Milton Keynes, any further out of town retail development must not be to the detriment of the city's existing major retail hub. We remain committed to the vitality of Central Milton Keynes and to investing in improving the quality of the shopping experience."

Census dodgers warned of prosecution

PEOPLE who have not filled in their census could be getting a visit from investigators from today.

Census non-compliance staff will begin conducting interviews under caution with householders who are refusing to fill in their census form.

Failing to return the form is a criminal offence under the 1920 Census Act and can lead to prosecution, a criminal record and a fine of up to £1,000.

ONS Census director Glen Watson said: "We are now in the final phase of follow-up and people need to act straight away to avoid the risk of a fine. We realise people lead busy lives and completing their census might not be at the top of their to do list, but the time to act is now.

"Where people refuse to complete their form a formal investigation is undertaken and they can be interviewed under caution, evidence gathered and those details passed to the Crown Prosecution Service. A court hearing, a criminal record and a fine of up to £1,000 may follow."

Census forms can still be returned in the pre-paid envelope, or online via the census website at www.census.gov.uk.

Police advise vigilance after Bin Laden killing

POLICE are urging residents to remain vigilant as the threat of terrorist attacks in the UK remains severe.

The plea comes after news of Osama Bin Laden's death in the early hours of Monday morning.

A police spokesman said: "Thames Valley Police continues to urge the public to remain vigilant and aware and to report any suspicious behaviour which may be terrorist-related to the confidential anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321.

"The threat level to the UK remains unchanged at severe, which means that an attack is highly likely. It has been at severe since January 2010. Policing operations and contingency planning remain under constant review and a wide range of overt and covert tactics will continue to be used across the UK."

Cops pay woman £16k a year just to travel to work

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A POLICE civilian is being paid around £32,000 in travel costs over the next two years after being moved to a different office.

MK NEWS understands the female, who formerly worked in a specialist department in Milton Keynes, has been transferred to an office around 70 miles away.

And a source has told this newspaper that, among spending cuts and redundancies, the police are paying her around £16,000 of taxpayers' money a year to make the daily round trip.

However, Thames Valley Police says the move is in response to the cuts, claiming it is part of 'a commitment to minimise the loss of knowledgeable and experienced staff', and that many officers are having to commute in a similar way.

A police spokesman said: "If you look at the whole picture the excess travel costs can represent good value when compared to the alternative, cost of redundancy, loss of skills and knowledge to the organisation plus the cost to train and recruit a new member of staff.

"Under this scheme staff can claim the additional travel costs for up to two years while they remain in the job/location they have been transferred to.

"This is one of the measures we agreed with Unison in order to avoid compulsory redundancy. The offer of alternative employment is made on the basis of the individual's ability to perform the role. In the majority of cases the increased travelling involved is modest, but with the force operating across three counties there are occasions when a member of staff will accept alternative employment that involves a longer journey."

Asbestos found at allotments

Roofing sheets containing asbestos were dumped at allotments

ASBESTOS warning signs were put up at a city allotment last week.

The signs were put up by Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council after corrugated roof sheets containing a small amount of white asbestos were dumped at the allotments in Marron Lane, Wolverton.

The sheets were later removed by the chairman of the council, Hilary Saunders, and her husband Mike.

Mr Saunders said: "These sheets would have become a hazard if children or vandals had jumped on them or started breaking them in some way or further garden rubbish had been dumped on top.

"We removed the rubbish already dumped on top of them, then properly wrapped, sealed and disposed of them in the designated skip at New Bradwell."

Train shed scheme up for top award

A MULTI-AWARD winning city development has now been nominated for an international award.

The Wolverton Park project, by Places for People, is competing for the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) 2011 Award for Excellence and will be going up against major developments in Germany, Austria, Italy, Malta, and a multi-billion-pound university in Saudi Arabia. Wolverton Park is the only British finalist.

All those involved in Wolverton Park are delighted with the news, with sales director Elliott Stiling saying: "The ULI Awards are regarded around the world as the highest accolade for creative and sustainable land use and it is an incredible achievement just to make the shortlist. We are all so very proud of what has been done at Wolverton Park and it is a real boost when an organisation as important as the Urban Land Institute recognises the quality of what has been achieved here."

Wolverton Park was formerly an engineering centre with facilities for working on carriages and steam locomotives. It was also the base for the Royal Train.

Now it has been transformed into modern homes while keeping the old brick and iron industrial structures.

The development has already picked up awards from a host of different bodies, including What House?, the London Evening Standard and the National Railway Heritage Awards.

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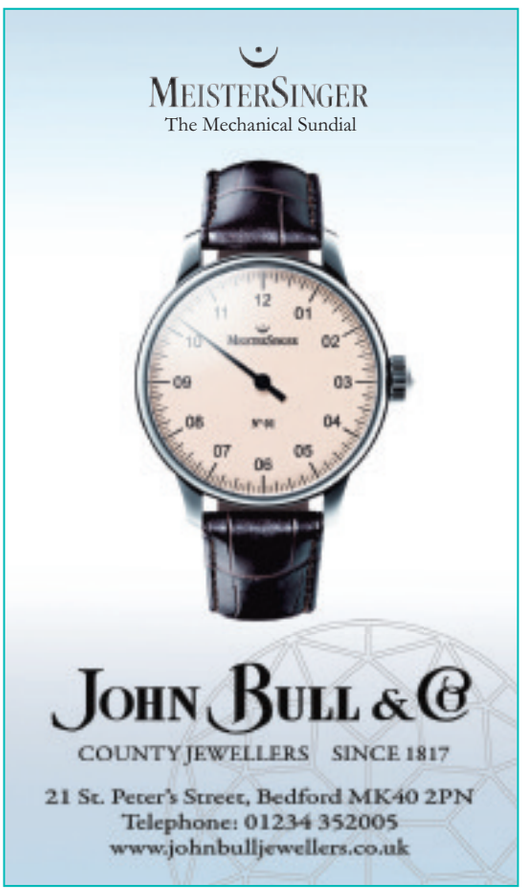

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Trees or parking?

SIR – Over the last six weeks, a great deal has been said in these pages about proposals for Two Mile Ash (TMA) and about their environmental impact.

That follows the felling of 20 maturing horse chestnut trees over the last year.

There is a growing groundswell of opinion in TMA that the measures now proposed for our central landscaped area would be even more destructive to our local centre, further eroding the original qualities that attracted so many of us to come to live in this area.

Many technical arguments have been put. In essence, however, this issue boils down to a simple question which our councils – both Milton Keynes Council and our parish council – have failed to answer.

Simply put it is 'how can a scheme which provides for a net gain of just nine car parking spaces, while destroying some of the principal assets of Two Mile Ash, remotely be justified?'.

The recently formed Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG) has felt so strongly about this issue that it took the unprecedented step of commissioning an alternative plan that avoids the loss of the trees.

While that plan has been criticised by Milton Keynes Council, its design fully reflects Government guidance as set out in the Department for Transport's Manual for Streets.

This alternative plan is fully workable and it has the additional advantage of providing traffic calming in a residential area between two schools that has considerable pedestrian as well as car traffic.

It attempts to match the councils' scheme by providing the same number of additional parking spaces.

However, TMAEG's starting point is that there is no proven need for any additional spaces. Outside the very brief school run periods there are plenty of empty parking spaces to be found within the one-way system area.

We believe that enough is enough, we cannot continually be providing more parking, particularly as it so often means the loss of lovely trees.

Instead, we should see our centre as truly a place for people, not just a place for the motor vehicle.

So a better balance is required and we are calling upon both councils to actively encourage walking and cycling as the appropriate ways to get around in Two Mile Ash. That should apply both for the school run and for other local trips.

As an apolitical group we are so disappointed that our councils have failed to safeguard our local environment and they now countenance the felling of ten more trees, including a row of seven lovely maples.

In terms of Milton Keynes Council, this goes wholly against its clear responsibilities as a planning authority and as supposed custodian of the environment.

In calling for a full review of the councils' proposals we make the clear point that those trees are our trees, they belong to the local community and they should not be threatened by the chainsaw.

Dr Chris Gossop
Chairman of TMAEG

Bridge bill truth

SIR – The recent fire beneath the elevated road on the M1 leaves our council brutally exposed.

If the Highways Agency can reopen such a badly damaged road to motorway traffic within days, how can the council possibly explain keeping our own Secklow Gate bridge closed for 14 months?

Clearly, since all those expensive bridge props are designed to support traffic within days of fire damage, there was a real possibility of reopening the bridge through CMK long ago. But our leaders did nothing.

It took public outrage, fuelled by Xplain's Highway Robbery campaign, to shame the council into agreeing to repairs.

Meanwhile, Milton Keynes Council has so far racked up bills of more than £500,000 to keep the bridge closed.

Hopefully, the current internal investigation will reveal the truth when published in June – just when the bridge should be open again to traffic, 18 months after the fire, and with a potentially massive bill to the taxpayer.

Linda Inoki
Leader of Xplain

Off the rails

SIR – With regards to Urban Eden's 'Monorail for Milton Keynes' comment in one of your recent articles.

Monorails don't exist outside of Thunderbirds and the odd theme park, so developing and building one from scratch would cost upwards of three billion pounds.

Sadly even doubling our council tax and business rates, plus quadrupling CMK parking charges, would only go part of the way to paying for that, so presumably those in the stakeholder's meeting had some clever way to fund this impossible dream.

Great stuff – I am fondy looking forward to seeing the next joke along these lines.

Stephen Potter
Professor of Transport Strategy
The Open University

Missing the bus

SIR – The issue of parking charges and problems keep being raised and I fear will continue to be while these charges are in force.

I used to drive and park in the free bays while at work and, due to the fact that I haven't had a pay rise in two years, I was only just able to afford to do that.

Since the charge for parking has come into force it has completely tipped me over the edge and I'm now having to use public transport.

Don't get me wrong, I've got no problem using public transport, but what I have got a problem with is trying to get from work to pick my children up from childcare by 6pm.

Twice the buses haven't arrived and I've not been able to get to my children in time, which results in a fine of £1 for every minute I'm late. If it happens on a regular basis my children won't be able to attend any more.

I do feel for the residents, no-one wants to come home and find they can't get parked outside their home or to find their estate littered with cars.

I'm sure the people leaving their cars don't want to but have little choice themselves.

Kelly Snoad
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – It seems that estates bordering the city centre and the station are having problems with 'free parkers'.

This problem came about when Milton Keynes Council instigated new parking charges and removed free parking slots.

During the week red zone spaces are often empty and different zones and tariffs are confusing.

Having a uniform rate of say 40p an hour 24/7 would be fair and cheap to operate. It would also be a bonus as it would encourage people to the shops.

Name and address supplied.

Nyanyano collection

SIR – On a permit granted by Milton Keynes Council, I made a street collection on behalf of the Nyanyano Development Project committee on April 9 and I raised a total of £133.01.

No expenses were claimed. The total amount goes to the project to provide extensions of the pipeline to the group of houses in the town.

This will provide more public toilets and allow work to begin on the setting up of a secondary technical training school to teach the necessary skills required for the development and maintainance of the community's infrastructure.

I would like to thank all those who made a donation in support of the Nyanyano Development Project in Ghana, West Africa.

Dr J Buxton
Bradville

Positive press

SIR – Can I just write to say how pleased I am that young people in the city are getting some positive press (Youngsters liven up underpass, MK NEWS, April 27).

As a 19-year-old student originally from Milton Keynes, and having been back for the Easter break, I was happy to read that young people have been helping to tidy up the streets and make them more aesthetically pleasing.

I think young people, in recent times, are finding good press hard to come by, particularly after the pictures from the student demonstrations against tuition fees over the Christmas period.

Often I will read in the paper or see on the news that a young person has committed a crime, or has died as a result of gang-related violence.

Why is it that people are more interested to hear about perpetrators and victims of crime when they are young?

I'm grateful to the youth of Netherfield, not only for making our streets look better, but also for helping to improve the image of young people nationwide. It is about time more attention was paid to the good things we do and what we offer to communities, rather than just the bad.

Kirsty Samuel
Beanhill

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THE air ambulance was scrambled on Bank Holiday Monday when a man suffered a severe eye injury after being hit in the face with a baseball. The crew was called to the scene at Mill Fields in Stony Stratford at around 3pm, along with police and an ambulance. The 45-year-old man was taken to Walsgrave Hospital in Coventry.

Woman punched in redway robbery

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A ROBBER punched a woman in the head and threatened her with a knife in a vicious attack.

The 27-year-old was walking along the redway behind Florin Close, by the Grand Union Canal, at about 9.15am last Wednesday when she was approached by a man.

He punched her twice in the head before grabbing her and pulling out a knife. He then made off with her purse which contained money she had earlier withdrawn from a cashpoint outside the Co-op in Neath Hill.

She suffered an injury to her head as well as cuts to her arms and leg and was treated by paramedics but not taken to hospital.

It is believed the offender ran off in the direction of Great Linford. He is described as white, in his early 20s, of a medium build, about 5ft 11ins, with dirty blond hair. He was wearing a dark blue hooded top and dark trousers.

Investigating officer, DC Miranda Moore, said: "This was a frightening ordeal for the victim who was making her way home at the time she was attacked.

"The offender grabbed her before producing a knife, resulting in her suffering defensive injuries to her arms and leg. I am appealing for anyone who saw a man acting suspiciously in the area either prior or around the time of the assault, as well as anyone who saw someone running along the redway towards Great Linford."

Anyone with information is urged to call DC Moore on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Teen hit by car is making 'progress' in MK Hospital

THE family of the 19-year-old injured when he was hit by a car in Newport Pagnell say he is making steady progress.

David Bromley, *pictured*, suffered serious head injuries, including a fractured skull, after he was hit by the car along with his 18-year-old girlfriend, Heather Bennett, on March 7.

He was initially treated in the neurological intensive care unit at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, but he is now a patient at Milton Keynes Hospital.

His parents Helen and Peter Bromley say he is now able to sit up and has started to talk and recognise family and friends. He still has a long way to go in his recovery and rehabilitation, but this is a significant improvement.

The driver of the car, which left the road near Marsh End Road, has been re-interviewed by officers from Thames Valley Police, which is continuing its investigation.

Hand-wash role for new 'hygiene champions'

THE city's NHS is working to improve hand hygiene in the community.

The news comes after the Care Quality Commission reported infection control issues relating to hand hygiene on a ward at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Milton Keynes Community Health Services' (MKCHS) Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team is working with local nursing and residential care homes to help improve hand hygiene.

Fourteen local nursing and care homes, including Kents Hill Nursing Home and Ashby House, have volunteered to appoint 'Hand Hygiene Champions' among their staff.

The champions will be responsible for role-modelling best practice and challenging colleagues and visitors about their hand hygiene.

They will benefit from training and coaching from MKCHS' IPC team.

The champions and staff from the IPC team are launching the initiative to help promote World Hand Hygiene Day tomorrow.

Carolyn Gower, from Kents Hill Nursing Home, said: "We are delighted to have the champions in our care homes. Encouraging all our staff and visitors to practice good hand hygiene will help keep our residents safe and well."

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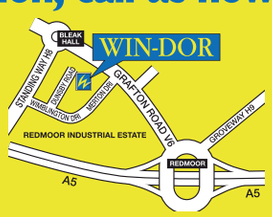

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Should we change our voting system – or not?

THE nation will decide how it wants to elect MPs to Parliament tomorrow. People will be asked whether they want to continue putting their cross next to their favourite candidiate using the first past the post system, or change to the alternative vote where they can rank candidiates in order of preference. The decision will be made in only the second UK-wide referendum ever to take place - the first was the 1975 European Communities Membership referendum. To help you decide how to vote, MK NEWS asked those for and against changing our electoral system for their views.

No to AV

Iain Stewart

Mark Lancaster

MP for Milton Keynes South
IAIN STEWART

TOMORROW I will be voting NO to AV.

The AV system undermines the principle of 'one person, one vote', the basis of our entire democracy.

Under AV, if no candidate receives 50 per cent of the vote in the first round, then the last place candidate gets their votes redistributed between their second choices. So, supporters of fringe parties, like the BNP, can end up having their vote counted several times, while mainstream voters only get one vote. This is inherently unfair.

It is also possible for the candidate finishing second or third to win the election.

In the Labour leadership elections, which use AV, Ed Miliband finished second in the first three rounds of votes and yet he was the winner overall.

First Past The Post creates strong, accountable governments, with coalitions being uncommon. Each person votes for the candidate they support and the one with the most votes wins, a simple and democratic system. AV isn't proportional and it leads to more backroom political deals and more coalition Governments.

If you do not want to take my word for it, let me quote the late Roy Jenkins, a long-time advocate of PR, who rejected AV on the grounds that it was 'disproportional', 'disturbingly unpredictable' and 'unacceptably unfair'.

MP for Milton Keynes North
MARK LANCASTER

HOW can anyone contemplate adopting a system in which some people – those who vote for the least popular parties – will have their ballots counted more than once? A system in which a candidate can get more votes than anyone else, and yet not be declared the winner? AV is complex, unfair, obscure and open to tactics. Do we want to jeopardise our democracy and pay for the privilege?

People have fought to retain our democracy, which is founded on the principle of 'one person, one vote'.

We cannot abandon that for what Winston Churchill described as 'the worst of all possible plans'.

Yes to AV

Sacha Dhamani

Chairman of the MK Yes to Fairer Votes Action Group
SACHA DHAMANI

TOMORROW we have the chance to improve the way we choose our MPs – a once in a lifetime opportunity.

This referendum is about giving you, the voters, more say in the running of our country. The current voting system has failed and produced governments on minority votes. The Alternative Vote is a small change that would give you a better way of electing your MP.

Under AV, rather than marking an 'X', you list your candidates in order of preference, one, two, three, and that's it. It's not complicated. We will use the same ballot papers, the same people will count the ballots – the process will be almost exactly the same.

The difference comes in how the ballots are counted.

All first preferences are counted and if someone has more than 50 per cent they are elected. Otherwise the last placed candidate is removed and their votes are reallocated to their second preferences and the votes for all candidates are recounted – all votes are counted twice. If someone now has more than 50 per cent they are then elected – otherwise we continue removing the last placed until someone does have more than 50 per cent.

Why is it better? MPs will need broader support to win, requiring them to work for all constituents rather than just those who support their party. Unlike members of political parties, the public actually think about who they will vote for and if their first choice doesn't get elected they do care which of the others does. You can still mark with 'X' if you want to.

So who thinks this system is better? Despite the noises made, most parties do. The Conservatives, Labour and the Liberal Democrats all use AV to elect their leader. So all three parties believe this is the right way to choose the Prime Minister: why not use it then to choose our MPs?

Vote 'Yes' tomorrow.

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Susan Wheatley hands over a cheque for £1,100 to staff at the Macmillan Unit at Milton Keynes Hospital who helped look after her.

Macmillan patient raises £1,000 after treatment

A CANCER patient, given just three weeks to live in August, has helped raise more than £1,000 for the hospital unit that has given her a new lease of life.

Susan Wheatley, 43, was diagnosed with terminal peritoneal cancer and received treatment from Milton Keynes Hospital's Macmillan Unit.

Eight months later, Susan is enjoying life, having married her partner Jeff at Willen Hospice.

To say thank you she organised a fundraising jumble event in the village where she lives, Milton Bryan, and presented the cheque for £1,100 last week.

Mother wins her battle to make funeral costs clearer

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A MOTHER whose son was killed in a car accident has won her five-year campaign to make the information provided on funeral costs clearer.

Teresa Evans has been fighting for the information to be written in plain, easy-to-understand English since her 20-year-old son, Boyd Evans, died in a car crash in Staffordshire in 2006.

As she wasn't provided with adequate details, Ms Evans was forced to go overdrawn at the bank to provide her son with a dignified burial and cash in her life insurance policies to buy the burial rights of Boyd's grave at an additional £304, one year later.

But these sensitive issues will be made easier for people nationally now the information is being simplified. Anyone making an application for a funeral payment from the social fund will also be paid the burial rights.

Ms Evans was helped by MK South MP Iain Stewart, who raised the issue in an adjournment debate in Parliament to get answers from Department for Work and Pensions Minister Steve Webb.

Speaking afterwards, Mr Stewart said: "I really commend Teresa Evans for her tireless efforts to see these changes made. Thanks to her, newly-bereaved families will be getting a better deal than she did four years ago."

Ms Evans now wants to hear from anyone in Milton Keynes who has claimed a funeral payment from the social fund, but was not paid the fee for the burial rights.

E-mail goodevans06@aol.com.

Rugby club hosts charity walkers

SEVERAL strapping men will descend on the city later today as they raise money for charity Help for Heroes.

Members of Pinley Rugby Club, from the West Midlands, will be arriving on foot at Milton Keynes Rugby Football Club (MKRFC), based at the Emerson Valley Sports Pavilion.

Pinley are raising money for Help for Heroes by walking from their club with the intention of arriving at Twickenham on Saturday for the match between the Army and Navy. MKRFC will be providing a meal, shower and other facilities for the walkers.

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Parents oppose school expansion

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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HUNDREDS of worried parents and residents are fighting against the expansion of a school due to fears over their children's education and safety.

Middleton Primary School and Milton Keynes Council are currently consulting on proposals to gradually increase the number of pupils at the school from 420 to 630 by 2018.

A document on the school's website says this is being considered 'to address the shortfall in school places available to the local areas of Middleton, Monkston and Monkston Park'.

But a group, Parents and Residents Against the Extension (PRAE), has been set up to fight the expansion and has submitted a 437 signature petition to the council.

It is worried about the impact the expansion will have on the pupils and their learning and that extra students will lead to more cars on the road and potential accidents.

A spokesman for the group said: "There's already a problem with the traffic and we've had near misses, abuse from drivers and road rage.

Cars on the kerb outside Middleton School waiting to pick up pupils

"And at the moment it's a community school with 420 children. If you add another 210 it means we will have three classes in a year – we signed up to a school with two."

The council has moved to allay these fears and said senior officers are currently drawing up plans to improve the school's access to ease traffic flow, with measures including additional parent drop-off zones being considered.

It added the expansion would need to be carefully managed to ensure the school's ethos is maintained and improved, and it has confidence in the headteacher and the senior leadership team at the school.

The plans are due to be considered by the council's cabinet on June 14.

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Jamie to get pizza the action in thecentre:mk

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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CELEBRITY chef Jamie Oliver will be opening a restaurant in the city this summer.

The Naked Chef has been rolling out his highly popular Jamie's Italian restaurants across the UK over the past two years and the website states he will now be opening one at thecentre:mk in September.

Pulling in thousands of diners in places like Birmingham, Canary Wharf, and as far away as Sydney and Dubai, Jamie's Italian will bring a rustic, simple Mediterranean menu to visitors of the city centre, and is expected to create a number of jobs including managers and senior chefs.

Following the successful launch of the Destination Dining quartet of international restaurants, thecentre:mk said it 'is thrilled to introduce the truly charming Jamie Oliver's Italian deli and restaurant to the mall'.

Jamie's Italian will open in Silbury Arcade at a time of continued progress and expansion for thecentre:mk.

Its director Robert Hall said: "We are delighted to welcome Jamie's Italian to Milton Keynes and we are sure that this most exciting of restaurants will prove a big hit with our guests here.

"Following the success of Destination Dining, Jamie's arrives at a time of continued progression for thecentre:mk as we move forwards to develop and grow our evening economy for late night shopping and internationally styled dining at the heart of Milton Keynes."

New place to dine: Top chef Jamie Oliver will be opening a restaurant in Milton Keynes
Picture by David Loftus

Simon Blagden, the restaurant group managing director, went on to say: "thecentre:mk is absolutely the perfect place for Jamie's Italian and we know that we can bring great quality food and service to the people of Milton Keynes as well as creating many local jobs."

For further information on the progress of Jamie's Italian visit thecentremk.com, or jamieoliver.com/Italian.

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Changing roles: Trainee midwife Laura Ellen in one of the maternity wards

The circle of life for new midwife Laura

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A NURSE who was born and gave birth to her two children at Milton Keynes Hospital is now retraining as a midwife - on the same maternity ward.

And she has reassured worried mothers the care they will get on the ward is second to none.

Laura Ellen, from Broughton, was born 25 years ago at the hospital and had her two children, two-and-a-half-year-old Tyson and Miami, one, on the same ward, where she is now training.

She said: "It's not weird, but I do sometimes ask my mum what it was like when I was born and I wonder whether I'm working in the room my mum had me in, but I'm used to the hospital now."

Laura qualified as a nurse seven years ago, but said her dream has always been midwifery.

"It's everything I ever expected and more," she said. "Before I came into it I'd seen deliveries, but it's nothing like being the person supporting that woman and bringing the baby into the world. It's the best job ever."

When Tyson was born at the hospital there were no conditions in place to ensure every woman in established labour received one-to-one care from a midwife.

However, when Miami was born, after the much-publicised deaths of two babies on the ward, this condition had been enforced by the health watchdog Care Quality Commission.

Laura said it has made a real difference, adding: "From a personal point of view, it's about having someone there constantly. It gives you much more confidence in what's happening to you and your body if someone's there telling you things are normal.

"I had my children there and had great care - I could've gone elsewhere but I trust in Milton Keynes Hospital and I had good experiences."

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Parties set out to win at the polls

TOMORROW the city will decide who it wants as its representatives on Milton Keynes Council.
Here, the leaders of the Milton Keynes Liberal Democrat, Conservative and Labour parties tell MK NEWS readers why you should give them your vote.

Cec Tallack, leader of the Liberal Democrats: Milton Keynes is a great place to work and live. Liberal Democrats have led the council well for the last nine years. A recent Centre for Cities report says MK is one of five places best placed to lead a UK economic upturn.

Council tax in Milton Keynes has been below our neighbours and the national average for many years proving that Liberal Democrats give value for money. At the same time we are committed to a green city evidenced by record recycling rates.

As well as a thriving economy, Liberal Democrats' other priorities are improving educational standards, road and pavement repairs, more affordable housing, better public transport and facilities for the young.

Andrew Geary, leader of the Conservatives: Preserve and enhance all that makes MK special. Protection and extension of our grid roads, with roundabouts not traffic lights. The preservation and enhancement of our green open spaces and our rural hinterland.

Ensure that the expansion happens at a rate determined by Milton Keynes. Develop the right model of housing for our residents and our businesses.

Protect front line council services, providing first class services through the council, with particular attention to the most needy and vulnerable. Promote a vision of a first class public transport system without ignoring the needs of the motorist. Implement highway maintenance that doesn't leave roads in a poor state of repair for months at a time. Immediately review the debacle of CMK parking.

Norman Miles, leader of Labour: Our key pledges: Free concessionary fares 24/7 for the over 60s and disabled. Cheaper fares for young people. Improvements to public transport.

A council house building programme and a range of affordable housing. Make unworkable allocations policy work. Improved children's services. All communities enjoy the benefits of a family orientated Sure Start centre.

Cabinet member with responsibility for older people to ensure they get what they need.

All services be targeted to ensure that gaps between the least well off and the better off and between the most and least deprived areas are reduced. Parish councils serving deprived areas properly funded.

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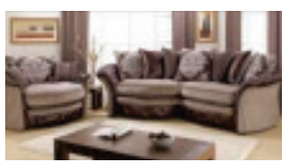

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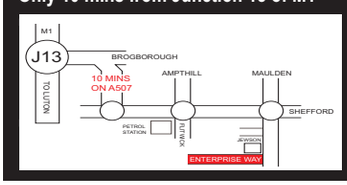

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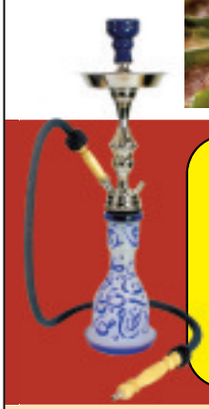

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A tough act to follow, says new city coroner

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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THE city's new coroner has vowed to help prevent unnecessary deaths.

Former deputy coroner Thomas Osborne took over the role of the city's main coroner from Rodney Corner on Sunday.

Mr Osborne, who has been deputy for seven years, said: "It will be a hard act to follow but an exciting opportunity."

Although coroners are unable to enforce any rulings, their verdicts can hold any involved parties to account and raise awareness of mistakes.

Mr Osborne is hoping to be able to use this power to prevent people from dying unnecessarily.

He added: "I am setting out with a goal to reduce all preventable deaths in Milton Keynes to nil.

"I know that's a very difficult goal to achieve but I think it's important that one should aim for it nonetheless."

Mr Corner, 70, who retired on Saturday, served the city for 35 years after first coming to Milton Keynes when it became a unitary authority in 1976.

He said: "I have been very privileged to serve Milton Keynes.

"If you can help to make the families' lives any easier then that's what matters.

"The family are not always the most important part of a coroners court, as the law has to take priority.

Handing over: Rodney Corner, *left*, and new coroner Tom Osborne

"If things have to be said, they have to be said."

Mr Corner, who was thrown a surprise retirement party by his colleagues on Thursday, added there had been many memorable cases over the years.

He said: "There was the case of Jury's Inn when the scaffolding collapsed and killed a man. It was the longest inquest I've ever had - it lasted for nearly two weeks and I had to have a videolink from Australia.

"The most poignant case was that of a small boy - aged about two - who died from an allergic reaction after being fed powdered milk. It was very sad."

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Vital work is taking place to shape country's healthcare

BY ADAM GRINSELL AND KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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ONE of the city's newly set up GP panels is set to play an important role in the future of the country's healthcare.

The Premier MK consortium, which incorporates 13 practices citywide and looks after about 145,000 patients, has been granted Pathfinder status by the Government.

This gives it access to more health experts, allowing it to develop the way consortiums will eventually work when they take over responsibility for commissioning health services in 2013.

Dr Darren Moore, lead GP for Premier MK, said: "Commissioning services means looking at what's available to patients, to see which ones need to be improved, where there's a gap to provide a new service and which ones are not providing the sort of service we need."

He moved to reassure patients that, although GPs will have this commissioning responsibility, it will not detract them from treating patients as the workload is spread equally between practices.

Dr Darren Moore

John Parkes

Premier MK, along with the city's second consortium, GP Heathcare MK, is currently learning the processes of commissioning from the primary care trusts (PCTs).

In order to help the transition, cluster PCTs are being created by the Department of Health - reducing 152 PCTs to 50 clusters.

The aim is to ensure PCTs can continue to focus on improving the quality and safety of services and providing the best possible support to the GP consortia.

Milton Keynes is being clustered with Northampton, the newly appointed chairman of which is John Parkes.

Mr Parkes said: "I think Milton Keynes has some great clinicians and I look forward to working with the local authority.

"Milton Keynes Hospital is a foundation trust, but I will still be working to make sure that the hospital will be dealing with its issues. I know it already has plans in place."

Go into bat and help raise money for two charities

THE Mayor's Charity Cricket Match will take place this weekend.

The annual event at Campbell Park will raise funds for the mayor's chosen charities, Willen Hospice and Bletchley Park.

Four local companies will be competing for a unique prize donated by supporter and designer Robert Rusin who has created a bespoke poster in honour of the match.

This picture will be framed and signed by Robert and the mayor.

The winning team will also receive the mayor's prestigious trophy to take pride of place back in the office.

The day will provide free family entertainment for anyone wishing to watch the match and support the two charities, as well as the local community and businesses.

City mayor, councillor Debbie Brock, said: "This is a fantastic and fun way to support the two charities.

"I am honoured by Robert Rusin's support and contributions, and by all the people that have made this match possible.

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David's concert in memory of mother

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A MUSICAL extravaganza is being lined up to boost funds for charity.

Singer-songwriter David Read will host a concert at the Chrysalis Theatre, Willen Park, on May 14 to raise money for Alzheimer's Research UK after his mother, who suffered from the disease, died three years ago.

The concert, entitled I Know That I Should Know You, will showcase a mix of artists playing folk, blues, rock, pop and indie music.

It is part of his ongoing aim to raise £30,000 for a complete dementia research project by the charity.

David, 57, from North Crawley, said: "It will be a fantastic evening of musical entertainment and the great thing is 100 per cent of the proceeds will go to Alzheimer's Research UK to help defeat dementia.

"My mother Janet died with Alzheimer's.

"I put my feelings about her long struggle with this cruel disease into song and recorded an album.

"A live performance in London followed last summer and £5,000 was raised towards our goal for Alzheimer's Research UK.

"I'll be joined at the Chrysalis Theatre by some brilliant musicians.

"I'd love as many people as possible to come along on the night and make it a sell out performance."

Performance to help charity: Singer-songwriter David Read

Other performers on the night will include My Element, singing partners Sue Armstrong and Barnaby Pickering, as well as Steve Pye and Kelsey Patterson.

Miranda Mays, community fundraising manager for Alzheimer's Research UK, said: "We wish David every success with this amazing concert and can't thank him enough for his continued support and enthusiasm.

"Every £20 raised at this event will pay for another hour of pioneering research and bring us closer to finding ways to diagnose, prevent, treat and cure dementia."

Tickets, priced from £8-£20, are available from www.eventelephant.com/chrysalisiknowthatishouldknowyouspringconcert, or 07582 686211.

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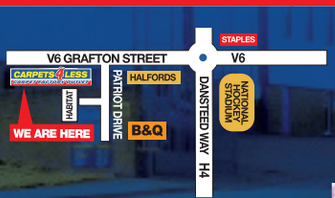

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More than 50 people entered with creations including marshmallows and witchetty grub juice. After much deliberation the winner was selected - the Park Lane Mojito made from Havana Rum and a secret ingredient, served on crushed ice with a hint of mint and a twist of lime.

The winning entry was created by Sarah Barns from Great Holm, who will choose a night when Starlite Limo Hire will take her and four friends in their very own limo to Park Lane, where they will be treated to a bottle of Champagne and cocktails for the evening.

The Park Lane Mojito will be launched at the bar tomorrow and for each one bought, £1 will go to Park Lane's chosen charity, Willen Hospice.

Kieshia's style turns heads of store scouts

Girl on film: Kieshia Evans will be modelling for New Look

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS

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A CITY teenager will be starring in a television advert after being discovered at a Milton Keynes store.

Kieshia Evans, 19, from Bletchley, will model a summer outfit in an advertising campaign by high street retailer New Look.

The budding model was spotted by talent scouts while she was shopping in the New Look store in Midsummer Place, CMK.

The chain said she was chosen for her unique flare, individual style and positive energy. Kieshia said: "I was shocked when I was approached.

"I love experimenting with fashion and I felt like a superstar on set - the summer trends are amazing."

She is due to make her TV debut modelling a white bikini, denim shirt and flowered head band in the 100 Days of Summer campaign from Monday.

The publicity drive, which New Look says will inspire people to be proud of their individuality, will feature 100 real men and women with real street style.

Nick Cross, group chief marketing officer, said: "100 Days of Summer is our new initiative to inspire customers to enjoy the summer months and have fun with their style.

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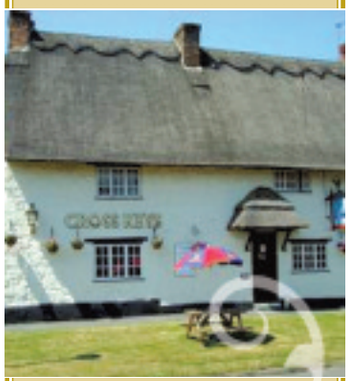

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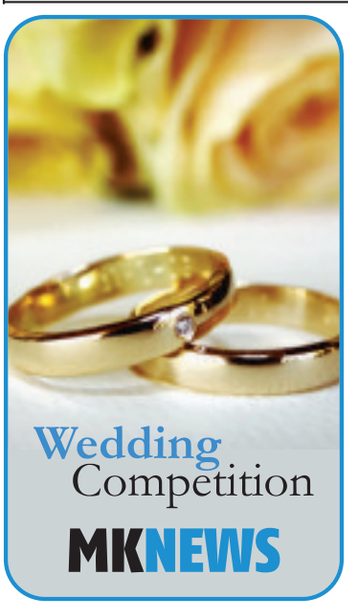

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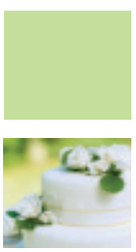

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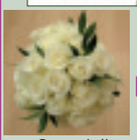

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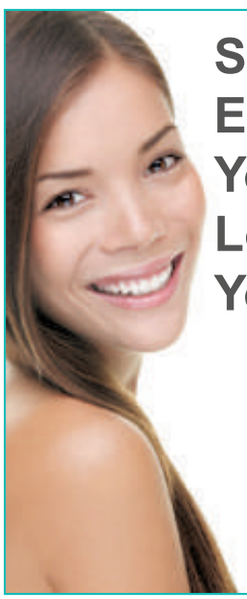

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Flower power: Children from Chestnuts School and other volunteers after their planting effort in Chepstow Park

Pupils dig in to help city bloom

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city has upped the stakes in its bid to take the Britain in Bloom title by enlisting the help of some green fingered youngsters.

Two classes from Chestnuts School, Bletchley, got to show off their gardening talents when they assisted their neighbourhood management team in creating a wild flower meadow in Chepstow Park in the Racecourse Estate last month.

The children worked in teams to rake and seed the meadows with wild flower seeds and planting native trees including ash, cherry, oak and pine.

They also took part in a quiz with the results showing how knowledgeable the children were.

The project was jointly funded by West Bletchley and Milton Keynes councils and was organised by Simon Rose, neighbourhood engagement officer for the Bletchley Neighbourhood.

Juliet Arthur, Year Four teacher at Chestnuts, said: "The children absolutely loved it. One boy described it as amazing.

"When we got back to school another child even asked if he had been dreaming because he'd had such a wonderful day."

Chepstow Park is one of Milton Keynes' Green Flag parks and it is hoped the wild flower meadow will be in full bloom in a couple of months time.

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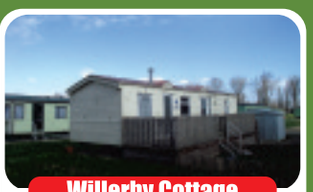

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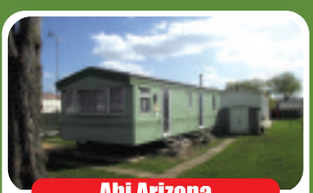

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School is not only a place of learning in terms of academia, but also in the social sense. School is an important part of your child's life, as they learn to mix with their peers and to make friends. Ask about the facilities such as after school care.

Speaking to the local authority helps too.

League tables and exam results can give you a good reflection of the performance of a school. Asking children who already go to a particular school is a good way to get a grasp of what pupils think. It is surprising how unbiased and informative children can be.

Observe how teachers react with their pupils and if you can, don't hesitate to speak to parents who are picking their children up at the end of the day. If you explain your reasoning for asking they will be more likely to help, as they too will have been in the same situation.

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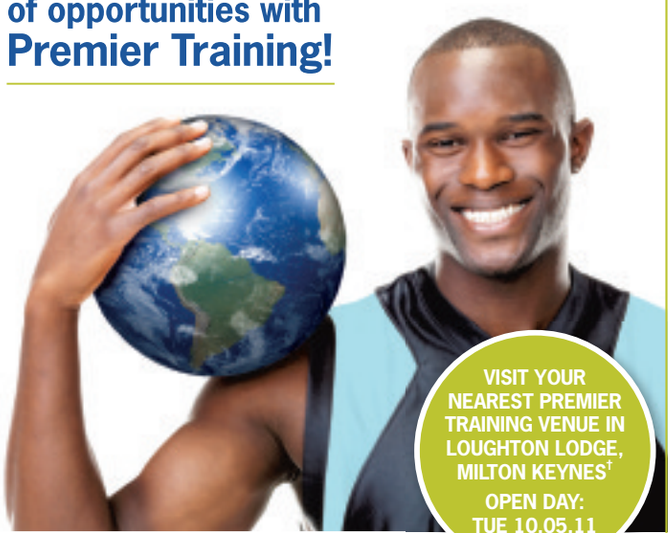

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If you like spending your Sundays walking outside in the fresh air, make sure there's an open area near your uni. There's nothing worse than being trapped indoors feeling homesick.

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Thursday 5 May, 8pm
SIMON MAYOR & THE MANDOLINQUENTS
A pioneering mandolin quartet whose infectious sense of humour influences everything they play, from lively reels to ragtime and swing.
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Friday 6 May, 8pm
JAMES HUNTER
Soul-deep Brit James Hunter joins us with songs from his latest album The Hard Way.
Tickets £17.50

Sunday 8 May, 8pm
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Having performed over 10,000 concerts and made thousands of recordings, the Chris Barber Band keeps marching on!
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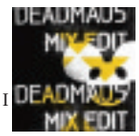
ROPE (DEADMAU5 REMIX)

Foo Fighters

THERE I was, having a go at Stargate for ripping the life and soul out of Personal Jesus and here we are this week; another remix.



Who says originality's dead, eh?

Actually, I think I said something along those lines only seven days ago, but forget about that, you'll spoil things.

This is the Foo Fighters, not Depeche Mode. Different band, different rules.

Thing is though, do you remember when I said how few remixes there were that actually stood up to the original?

Not only does this stand up to the original, it then nips off to B&Q (other hardware retailers are also available), comes back with a stepladder, climbs to the top and then proceeds to look down on the original.

I feel a little bit bad saying that, but it's true. Just as with Personal Jesus, the original tune has been thrown away, leaving behind the vocals and not a lot else, but the difference here is that the replacement melody sounds as though it was crafted around what was left; last week's offering on the other hand, sounded as if a ready-made tune was plucked off the shelf and the vocals were glued on top.

I'll tell you something else while I'm at it.

Dave Grohl's voice is fully compatible with dance remixes. Yes, way.

So there you have it, a song I initially didn't think much of massively improved by an overhaul.

Funny, it's usually the other way round, but I'm not complaining and neither should you.

HOT SAUCE COMMITTEE PART TWO

Beastie Boys (album)

THIS really is an astonishing album.

Three middle-aged rappers really shouldn't be turning out stuff as good as this and they certainly shouldn't be displaying more creativity than rappers 20 years their junior.

They are, though. One minute it's funk, then it's electronic, then it's rock.

It's all over the place, but in a good way; basically, if there's a song you're not keen on there'll be a totally different one along in about two or three minutes.

It also doesn't matter if you can't make out what they're saying, because the tunes themselves are so good (and yes, they are fully fledged tunes rather than one sample repeated ad infinitum) and that goes across the board.

From start to finish, there isn't a duff track; in fact, the more I hear this album, the more I like it.

All things considered, it's not been a bad week, has it?

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Tomorrow, 8pm

BRITAIN'S first modern mandolin quartet, with mandolins of all shapes and sizes and the superb voice and mandobass of Hilary James.
Tickets £16

JAMES HUNTER

Friday, 8pm

SOUL deep James Hunter delves further into the realm of deep soul in a set of all-original material. Huge critical acclaim has seen him open for Etta James, Boz Scaggs and Aretha Franklin.
Tickets £17.50

NATIONAL HARMONICA LEAGUE SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, from 10am

HARMONICA players of all styles and levels have a day of workshops and activities, followed by an evening jam. Workshops and activities from 10am to 4pm and jam session between 8.45 and 11pm. For further details go to www.harmonica.co.uk/sfestival.htm.
Ticket price of £26 (£16 for NHL members) includes evening jam/gig

HARMONICA JAM

Saturday, 8.45-11pm

HARMONICA players and spectators are welcome for a blues jam with the fantastic Giles Headley and his band.
Tickets £5, or £4 for NHL members

JAZZ MATTERS

Sunday, 11.30am-1pm Stage2

SPEND a couple of hours discussing all things jazz in these informal gatherings. Founded by The Stables' Life President, Sir John Dankworth, Jazz Matters is hosted by invited special guests. A great way for people of all ages to learn more about jazz and share musical experiences.
Tickets £5

THE BIG CHRIS BARBER BAND

Sunday, 8pm

BRITISH jazz trombonist Chris Barber formed his first Barber New Orleans Band in 1949 at the age of 19. Having performed more than 10,000 concerts and made thousands of recordings, the Chris Barber Band keeps marching on, right into the 21st century.
Tickets £21

Gigspanner

GIGSPANNER

Sunday, 8.45pm, Stage2

JOINED by guitarist Roger Flack and percussionist Vincent Salzfaas, legendary violinist Peter Knight's latest project combines beautifully crafted folk, classical, baroque and swing with life-enriching versions of British traditional music and song.
Tickets £10 in advance, or £12.

KIERAN GOSS: LIVE & SOLO

Tuesday, 8pm

LONG hailed as one of Ireland's leading songwriters and performers his songs have made him a star, his live shows have made him a legend.
Tickets £14.50

THE PARIS 1940S

Tuesday, 8.45pm, Stage2

AN INTRICATELY arranged, expertly delivered cocktail of jazz, swing, samba, pop and experimental indie/rock covering a vast repertoire of artists, from Stevie Wonder to Pixie Lott.
Tickets £10 in advance, or £12.

BRIAN CULBERTSON

Wednesday, May 11, 8pm

THE funkier side of the smooth jazz genre, while including material from his albums Nice and Slow and Secrets. The line-up will be Andy Whitmore on keyboards, Otto Williams on bass, Derek Nash on sax, Marc Parnell on drums and Jim Culbertson on trumpet.
Tickets £21.50

JONNY KEARNEY AND LUCY FARRELL

Wednesday, May 11, 8.45pm, Stage2

KITCHEN sink dramas and tales of the heart are played out by Jonny and Lucy with tender, quiet reserve on guitar, piano, fiddle and viola. Lucy's pure and graceful voice is the perfect foil to Jonny's melancholic tones.
Tickets £10 in advance, or £12

IONA SUPPORTED BY YVONNE LYON

Thursday, May 12, 8pm

IONA'S aim has been to write spiritual, atmospheric, yet uplifting music that would stir the emotions. Uniquely combining rock, folk, progressive, ethnic and ambient elements with the crystalline voice of Joanne Hogg.
Tickets £17.50

CLARE TEAL: HEY HO

Friday, May 13, 8pm

AFTER years performing shows based on the Great American Songbook, Clare has decided it's time to celebrate the UK's writing talent in her new show Hey Ho, a celebration of the Great British Songbook.
Tickets £22.50

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THRILLER LIVE

Monday-Saturday, May 14

DIRECT from the West End, the hit show Thriller Live moonwalks its way into the city.

Celebrating the phenomenal career of the undisputed King of Pop that spanned 40 years, Thriller Live brings to life the sensational dancing and distinctive sound of Michael and the Jackson 5.

An exceptionally talented cast and live band perform all your favourite Jackson songs celebrating the world's greatest showman.

This high-octane concert includes breathtaking dance routines performed to some of Jackson's iconic dance hits, including the classics Smooth Criminal, Beat It and Thriller.

Executive director, Adrian Grant, said: "I decided from day one that I didn't want the show to be a straight tribute performance with one impersonator.

"I wanted to take the audience on a journey and display all of Michael Jackson's different personas and talents on stage.

"Therefore we have five lead principal singers sharing the songs throughout including a child for the early Jackson 5 hits, a soulful singer, the pop singer, a rock singer and a female singer which surprises many people but she brings a lot of balance to many of the songs."

STEAM RALLY

STEAM RALLY

Saturday-Sunday, 11am-5pm.

IN ITS 34th year Stoke Goldington Steam Rally gets bigger and bigger.

This year, alongside the displays of steam engines, classic tractors, vintage cars and model steamers you will find a full size replica Spitfire.

So it is fitting that on Saturday (11am-noon) there will be a flypast by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight of a Spitfire and Dakota.

Among the vast array of vintage and classic vehicles on display you will find a 1926 Raleigh Model 17 motorcycle, a 1930 Ford A type flatbed lorry and, the grandaddy of them all, a 1910 Model T Ford.

The Tallest Magic Show in the World, circus workshop, fun fair, heavy horse rides, ferret racing, Morris Dancing, more than 100 trade stands and a massive craft marquee are just a few of the other events going on.

You can also see the oldtyme variety show, a traditional fire eater, the Riverboat Days Jazz Band, a host of other walkabout entertainers, plus in the bar all day entertainment from bookmeadisco. Watch out for 'Thunder' Jim Helliar who will be commentating.

Tickets are adults £8, students and OAPs £5 and children free (accompanied by an adult). Prices include car parking.

CITY LIMITS XSCAPE

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH

Saturday, 8.30pm

AN EVERYDAY tale of Gummi Bears, flying tomatoes and the platonic notion that sex is the human effort to reconnect two halves of our original whole.

Hedwig and the Angry Inch tells the story of fourth-wall smashing East German rock 'n' roll goddess, Hedwig Schmidt.

The outrageous and unexpectedly hilarious story is dazzlingly performed by Hedwig in the form of a rock gig stand-up comedy routine, backed by hard-rocking band The Angry Inch.

Focusing upon Hedwig's lifelong search for the 'origin of love' and her other half, the story's explosive finale explores the nature of identity in a superficial celebrity obsessed modern society finally asking if, in today's world, there is any room for love and acceptance.

It's a roller-coaster ride, funny, touching, emotionally draining and ultimately inspiring to anyone who feels life has given them an inch when they deserved a mile.

Tickets are £8 and are available from 07814 641345.

MK GALLERY

Hat Dimension

SCRATCH NIGHT

Tomorrow, 6.45pm.

MUSIC and film from Hat Dimension and Air Canada with films by Mark Houssart and Matt Pearson.

Some exciting emerging talent from the area curated by Sean Woodington from local band Anti Vigilante.

Hat Dimension's music is bold and extremely creative, clever and melodic in a dysfunctional way.

Air Canada is a new four-piece band from Northampton who combine a range of musical influences to create a driving, noisy, yet melodic sound that's entirely their own.

The evening will include two short films by film makers based in Milton Keynes, Mark Houssart and Matt Pearson.

Free, donations welcome.

THE BULL OLNEY

WHOSE TURN?

Thursday, May 12, 7.30pm

THE comics of Milton Keynes' much loved comedy improvisation group, Whose Turn?, hit the road for an away game in Olney.

Compere Steve Clark hosts a show of silly games using suggestions from the audience in a riot of spontaneous and unrehearsed comedy.

These shows are always popular so reserve a ticket on 01908 605502.

They cost £7, or £8 on the night. Visit www.whoseturn.org.uk for more information, to mail through your game suggestions in advance and to book your tickets online.

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Sun 8
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Mon 9
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Sat 14
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Short course for adults: Introduction to Herbalism. Meet in Windmill Pub car park, H10 Bletcham Way. **Caldecotte 10:00 – 12:00 £5/person***

Sat 21
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Wed 25
PUSHCHAIRS IN THE PARK
Park in car park, Queen Eleanor Street. **Ouse Valley Park 10:00 – 11:30 Free**

Sun 29
CANAL WALK
Enjoy a walk and learn a bit of the history around the canal. Meet in Stonepit Field car park, Wolverton Road. **Grand Union Canal 10:00 – 2:00 £1/person**

Tue 31
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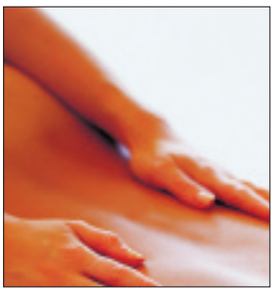

WITH the modern man in mind, there is now a chance for him to be pampered - from top to toe.

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Set in rural Northamptonshire, the spa offers guests a host of invigorating heat and ice experiences, including a hydrotherapy pool, sanarium, caldarium, aromatherapy crystal steam room and ice cave, complemented by therapies from ESPA, Elemis, Jessica and Clarins.

And now, following the increased demand for male treatments, it is offering a new Day Spa Top to Toe package, just for the boys.

Cathy Harrison, marketing and PR manager, said: "This Day Spa package is perfect as a gift and ideal for the man who has everything, but also as a great way to spend the day together, Top and Toe days for him and her, perfect!"

The package, costing £99 per person*, includes the following:

- Elemis urban cleanse facial
- Elemis deep tissue back massage
- Two-course lunch in The Terrace Cafe
- Full use of the heat and ice experiences
- Full use of The Spa and The Leisure Club facilities

And not forgetting the girls, there is also the chance for them to enjoy the perfect pampering treat with a Top to Toe package, which includes the following:

- Express facial
- Back, shoulder and neck massage
- Prescriptive manicure
- Two-course lunch in The Terrace Cafe
- Full use of the heat and ice experiences
- Full use of The Spa and The Leisure Club facilities

The award-winning four star deluxe Whittlebury Hall Hotel and Spa has teamed up with MK NEWS to offer one lucky couple a men's and lady's Day Spa Top to Toe package* to include all of the above.

To be in with your chance of winning, simply answer the following:

Name one of the treatments offered in the men's Day Spa Top to Toe package.

Send your entry, complete with your name, address and daytime telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk, or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DU.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, May 11 at noon. The editor's decision is final.

*Full terms and conditions apply. This prize is non-transferable and non-refundable and has no cash equivalent.

This prize cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or promotion. The prize is available Monday-Thursday only and subject to availability.

Winners must be aged 18 years or over. This competition is not open to the employees of Macepark Group, Scalford Hall and Whittlebury Hall and their family members. Prizes to be booked and taken by September 4, 2011.

To find out more and register for an e-newsletter to receive all the latest offers visit www.whittleburyhall.co.uk.

Whittlebury Hall

HEART FM COLUMN

HEART Breakfast show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

WE'RE getting really excited about the big summer gig at stadiummk on Friday, July 8 featuring JLS, Olly Murs, Alexis Jordan and one other, as yet unannounced, act - we'll have to try and let you know who that is exclusively here in the coming weeks.

We phoned Olly Murs to find out how preparations for the show are going and what we can expect on the night.

"I'm very excited about it, it's going to be a fantastic evening and I'm really looking forward to it," he said.

"I've got a live band behind me and I know the JLS boys are going to put an amazing show on, having just come off their arena tour."

We also asked whether he'd heard the rumour of a walkway extending from the stage into the centre of the stadium. "If that's true I'd love it. That will be amazing. It would be nice to get into the middle to see everyone, especially at the back."

It's been an incredibly busy time for Olly since the X Factor.

He's completed a desert trek for Comic Relief, appeared on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire with his dad and is in the middle of his own sell out tour which kept him away from his family and the traditional fish and chip supper they normally enjoy on Easter Sunday.

Plus he's already working on a new album. Finally, we wanted to know whether rumours that first surfaced on Wikipedia that he's about to get married were true or not?

"I don't get married that quickly and I don't have a girlfriend," said Olly.

If that's whetted your appetite and you fancy coming to the show this summer visit www.heart.co.uk.

■ Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday from 6am-10am on Heart 103.3FM.

LOOKING AHEAD: Stuart and Natalie

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OPEN PLACES

ARTS & HERITAGE OPEN PLACES

Saturday-Sunday, May 15

MILTON Keynes is rich in arts and heritage, but do you know where to find it?

A total of 34 organisations have worked with Milton Keynes Council's arts and heritage team to create a programme consisting of more than 200 opportunities to get involved.

During the ten-day event you can visit any of the seven permanent gallery spaces offering a diverse range of work and crafts by local artists.

The Cowper and Newton Museum will hold a special display of Wedding Dresses Through the Ages.

Public art will be on display and if you pick up the Arts Guide and Heritage Cycle Trails from the library you can explore the collection on your bike or just take a stroll around the art pieces in the city centre.

MK Gallery is on board with a series of free films exploring how identity is constructed through architecture and advertising.

It will also welcome parents and toddlers for a 'start the art' workshop on Tuesday.

On Sunday you can try your hand at belly, zumba or flamenco dancing at Inter Action MK at Peartree Bridge, or take a trip to the City Discovery Centre in Bradwell to view an exhibition that delves into its fascinating city archive.

The City Church will be holding a piano duet on Friday as well as musical milestone talks during the next week and a brass spectacular on May 14.

Dancing at Inter Action MK

Bradwell Windmill will be putting on musical entertainment and story-telling, while Discover MK in CMK Library will have a MK's heritage of sport exhibition spanning from the Georgian period through to today's F1 of Red Bull.

The stadiummk will be having open viewings of 5,000 images on the Ring of Steel and The National Badminton Centre will have volunteers showing you the story of the sport through memorabilia and videos.

Madcap Arts Centre, Wolverton, will be putting on a very special performance of Midsummer Night's Dream when the whole theatre will be turned into a forest.

Stantonbury and MK Theatre will both be holding workshops and MK Music service will give you the chance to see what it is all about with free admission to a range of music styles.

Fringe MK will have displays in Midsummer Place and an Islamic Art workshop on Saturday.

MK Museum will engage its audiences through jester workshops, re-enactors, gun powder and archery demonstrations in its 1,000 years of Milton Keynes festival and you can even join in the spooky tour by lamplight with story telling.

Milton Keynes City Orchestra will be popping up in the city centre [University Centre, John Lewis and MK Gallery] with its perfectly formed quartet.

You can even join one of the Arts for Health guided walks along the canal, or go to the opening of the new Rivers ACE Centre in Bletchley and see the demonstrations and try the taster workshops.

■ For full details, costs and opening times pick up the Milton Keynes' Arts and Heritage programme from your local library, or download it from www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/openweekend.

Bradwell Windmill

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■ Do you have a fundraising event that you would like to publicise?

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■ Are you a member of a church or multi-faith group with a special service soon?

Send details to andy.handley@mk-news.co.uk, or call 01908 689586. Remember to get the details to us at least two weeks before the event and we will publish them, space permitting.

ARTS AND HERITAGE

STONY AHA!

Saturday-Sunday, May 15

THIS weekend sees the start of ten days of events and activities.

Stony Stratford has plunged itself into the spirit of Arts and Heritage Open Places by launching Stony AHA!

A wide range of activities are planned throughout Stony Stratford, including a treasure trail, history hunt and art exhibitions by the Stony Stratford Arts Society and The Stani Gallery.

Jonny Boatfield will be holding Drawing on History and Cock & Bull Story Telling workshops for families, while The Stony Wine Emporium will give a History of English Wine talk and tasting.

There will be heritage displays by the women's institute and Stony Reminiscence Group, as well as art displays at Morgan Gilder, The Fox and Hounds, Skills, Ray Borley Dunkley, Mason Edwards, Age Concern, Trevor Jeavons, York House and St Marys and St Giles Church.

In addition, there are markets at Odell's Yard, a programme of evening talks at the church and library and a Cock & Bull AHA!

Many businesses along the High Street and Market Square will also be taking part by exhibiting pieces of art and heritage in their shop windows.

There are also a number of heritage, riverside and town walks available.

For more details go to www.arts-and-heritage-stony-stratford.co.uk.

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Look who's 60
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30th April 2011
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Have a very Happy Birthday.
All our love
Your Brother, Sisters and all the family.
WHO'S COOKING AFTER THE STALL !!!

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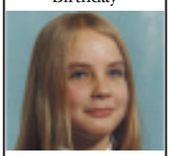
Happy 50th Birthday



Lots of love from Michael, Nicola, Ben and Matt xx

KAY MUNRO
7th May 2011
80 years young!
Wishing a wonderful Mum and Grandma a very Happy Birthday.
All our love
Fione, Mark and Ella xxx

HARRIET MASTERSON
Happy 21st Birthday
Love from Mum, Dad, Gemma, Sarah, Sam, Aunty Kitty and Baby Sienna xxx

JODIE KELLY
JODZ IS 18!
Happy Birthday Jodie
1st May 2011.
have a great day
Love Mum, Grandad Boyd, Sam, Auntie Chris, Uncle Bill, Shelly, Tom and all the girls
xxxx

STEVE PARKER
Happy 40th Birthday
for 30th April
Lots of Love from Debs, Mia, Mum, Dad and all the family
Hope you enjoyed your surprise!

ALEX CHAMPKIN
Happy 18th Birthday
Love Mum, Dad and Rhys
xxx

CHARLY NEWMAN
Sweet Sixteen Today

Have a wonderful party!
Love you loads
Love Mum, Dad, Ben & Lui xxxx

ADAM TULL is 18!!!

Happy Birthday (Still as cute!)
Love Mum, Abigail, Jordan & Jack xxxx

TERRY BROOMFIELD
Happy Big 50
30th April 2011

All my love Trish x

JAMEEKA DIAMOND HEFFORD

Happy 2nd Birthday
4th May
With lots of love from Mummy, Daddy and Lavante xxx

RASHPAL BANSAL
Happy 60th Birthday Mum

We all love you very much.
Love Davinder, Raji, Sukhi, Gurdev & Santosh xx

ANDREW BURRAWAY

Happy 50th Birthday
27th April,
Love you lots
Jayne xxxxx

To a precious mother and devoted grandmother
ROSA VIGGIANO
Happy 80th Birthday on 1st May 2011

Love and best wishes
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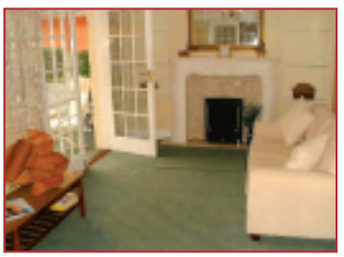

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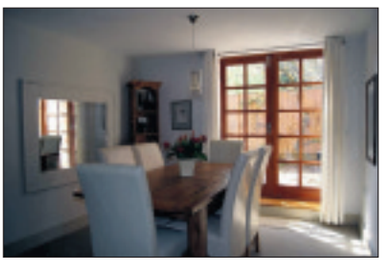

Aspley Heath

- Stunning Barn Conversion
- Finished To A Very High Specification
- Very Sought After Location
- Stunning Views Over Aspley Heath From Balcony
- Three Bedrooms
- Master Bedroom with En Suite
- Underfloor Heating Throughout The Ground Floor
- Lounge With Balcony

£695,000

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- Beautifully Presented
- Charming Farmhouse
- With Immense Character
- Picturesque Village Location
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- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge and Kitchen/diner
- Gardens to front and rear
- Driveway providing off road parking
- Garage

Oldbrook £139,950

- Three/four bedroom townhouse
- Bedroom one with shower area
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- No upper chain

Two Mile Ash £160,000

- Four Bedroom House
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Gardens
- Off Road parking
- No Upper Chain

Heelands £110,000

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Vacant Possession
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Downhead Park £122,500

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Communal Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Oldbrook £185,000

- Four bedroom detached
- Lounge and Dining room
- Kitchen and Utility room
- Cloakroom
- Single garage
- Gardens

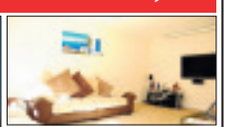
Broughton £225,000

- Five Bedroom Terraced House
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Two Ensuites
- Rear Garden and Garage

Pennyland £125,000

- CASH OFFERS ONLY
- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Dining Room
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

Broughton £335,000



- Four Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room and Study
- Kitchen Breakfast Room and Utility Room
- Family Bathroom and Ensuite Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens

Monkston OIEO £210,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- Driveway and Garage

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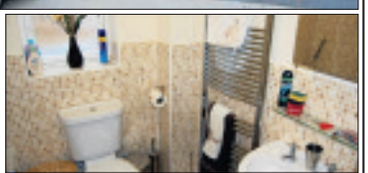
Bolbeck Park — OIEO £180,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Re- Fitted Cloakroom
- Lounge and Kitchen/ Dining Room
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Willen — £330,000

- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Garage/utility room
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Area
- Refitted Ensuite and Family Bathroom

Broughton — £248,000



- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge and Study
- Cloakroom and Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room and Ensuite
- Carport & Driveway

Bradwell — £309,950

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- En Suite to Master
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- ORP & Double Garage

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• Three Bedroom Property
• Some Original Features
• Double Bedrooms
• Utility/Storage Cuboard
• Refitted Bathroom
• Refitted Kitchen
• Roof Terrace
• No Upper Chain

Wolverton Mill £299,950

• Well presented townhouse
• Five Bedrooms
• Kitchen/diner
• Two Ensuite Bedrooms
• Rear Garden
• Double carport

Old Stratford £270,000

• Semi detached property
• Three Bedrooms
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Conservatory
• Extended
• Double garage
• Large Garden
• Off road parking

Hartwell £164,995

• Semi detached house
• Three bedrooms
• Re-fitted kitchen/diner
• Re-fitted bathroom
• Single garage
• Gardens
• Off road parking
• No upper chain

Wolverton Guide £139,995

• Two Bedroom
• Terraced Home
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Rear Garden
• Off Road Parking
• No Upper Chain

New Bradwell £110,000

• Mid Terrace
• Three Bedroom
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Garden
• No Upper Chain

Deanshanger £129,950

• Three Bedroom
• Semi Detached
• No Upper Chain
• Lounge/Diner
• Kitchen
• Garden

Yardley Gobion £187,500

•Semi Detached
•Three Bedrooms
•Lounge/Diner
•Refitted Kitchen
•Ensuite to Master
•Off Road Parking
•Garden

Wolverton £169,995

• Terraced property
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Three reception rooms
• Three bedrooms
• Rear garden

Wolverton OIEO £125,000

• End of terrace property
• Two bedrooms
• Lounge
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Family bathroom
• Rear garden

Deanshanger £210,000

•Semi Detached
•Three Bedrooms
•Cloakroom
•Separate Reception Rooms
•Conservatory
•Ensuite to Master
•Driveway and Garage

Two Mile Ash £139,950

• Two Bedrooms
• End Terrace
• Lounge/Dining Room
• Double Gazing
• Garage

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Bletchley £130,000

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Diner/Lounge
- Dinette/Study
- Outbuilding
- Front and Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating

Windmill Hill OIEO £110,000

- Mid terrace property
- Three bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
- Bathroom and separate w.c.
- Gardens to front and rear
- Carport

Narrow Boat Guide £30,000

- 61 ft narrow boat
- Lounge area
- Kitchen area
- Bedroom and bathroom area
- Air conditioning
- Gas heating and solar panels

Windmill Hill Guide £115,000

- Mid Terrace
- Two Bedroom
- One Reception Room
- Garden

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Newton Road Guide £145,000

- Semi Detached
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- Kitchen/Diner
- Detached Garage
- Rear Garden

Aspley Guise £355,950

- Four Bed End of Terrace
- Conservatory
- Downstairs WC
- Out Building
- Off Road parking for at least three cars
- Larger than average Double Garage
- Aspley Guise Area
- Front and Rear Gardens

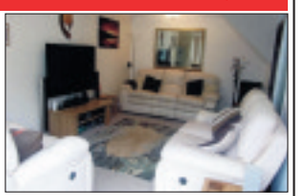
Water Eaton Guide £135,000

- First Floor
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Maisonette
- Allocated Parking
- Internal Viewing Recommended

Bletchley £145,000

- Mid terraced property
- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- Gardens to front and rear
- Garage to rear

House of The Week £325,000



- Extended Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Annexe
- Cloakroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage

Counties £150,000

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- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Refitted Bathroom
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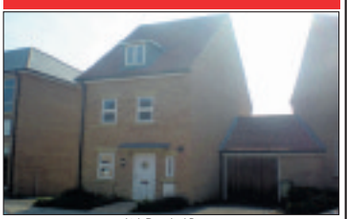
- Study
- Dressing Room & Ensuite to Master
- Two Ensuites
- Front & Rear Gardens

Oxley Park £210,000



- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Study
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite to Master
- Garden
- Driveway to Garage

Oxley Park £400,000

- Detached
- Five bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Garage
- Garden

Furzton £325,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Cloakroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted Ensuite
- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Oxley Park £385,000

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens,
- Driveway and Double Garage

Grange Farm £280,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Study
- Kitchen/Diner
- Driveway and Garage
- Rear Garden

Westcroft £290,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage

Kingsmead Guide price £350,000

- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens

Oakhill £250,000

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Garage

Emerson Valley Guide £225,000

- Extended
- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached Home
- Popular Area
- 18ft Family Room
- Utility Room
- Cloakroom
- Garage and Gardens

Shenley Church End OIEO £169,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

Oxley Park OIEO £400,000

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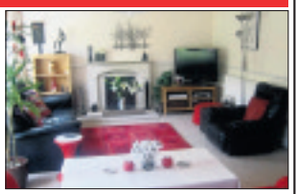

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Study/Games Room/Family Room
- Double Garage
- Sought After Location

Lavendon — £155,000

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- Kitchen
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Lavendon — £330,000

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- Front and Rear Garden
- Garage

Giffard Park — £325,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Cloakroom
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
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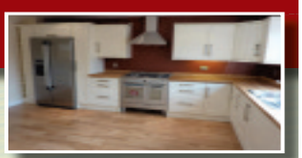

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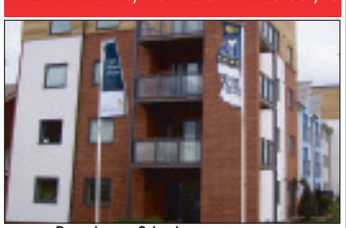

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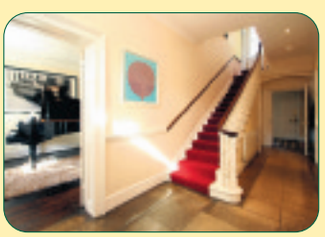

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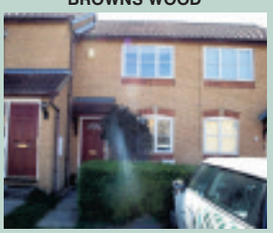

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Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact Alison Hedges on 01908 679809 to make an appointment.

For an application pack please contact Jenny Cooper on 01908 253116 or email jenny.cooper@milton-keynes.gov.uk For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Michelle Currie, Chair of the IEB on 01908 677954.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects everyone involved with the school to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to obtain an Enhanced Disclosure from the CRB.

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Closing date: Friday 13 May 2011 at 12 noon

Interview date: Friday 20 May 2011

For further details and an application pack please contact Deborah Farr Tel: 01234 267353. Email: dfarr@westfieldschool.net or westfield@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to enhanced CRB clearance.

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BIDDENHAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE
Biddenham Turn, Bedford MK40 4AZ
Tel: 01234 342521 Fax: 01234 334530

Teacher of Business Studies - MPS

Full-Time
Maternity cover – Fixed term contract for 2 terms

Required for September 2011, in this friendly, successful and over-subscribed 13-19 multicultural upper school. The successful candidate will be joining a successful and developing subject area. The department is well equipped and staff are given every support from the school with the possibility of teaching at KS4 and KS5.

Application packs and further details are available from the school.

Closing Date: Wednesday 11th May 2011
Interviews: w/c 16th May 2011

All appointments at Biddenham Upper School are subject to enhanced CRB clearance

BIDDENHAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE
Biddenham Turn, Bedford MK40 4AZ
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TEACHER OF CITIZENSHIP/RE - MPS

Full-time
(Ability to teach Psychology desirable but not essential)

Required for September 2011, in this friendly, successful and over-subscribed 13-19 multicultural upper school. The successful candidate will be joining a successful subject area. The department is well equipped and staff are given every support from the school.

Application packs and further details are available from www.biddenham.org or from the school.

Closing Date: Wednesday 11th May 2011

Interviews: w/c 16th May 2011

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BIDDENHAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE
Biddenham Turn, Bedford MK40 4AZ
Tel: 01234 342521 Fax: 01234 334530

TEACHER OF LAW – MPS (GCSE/A Level)

Full-Time
(Ability to teach Citizenship is desirable but not essential)

Required for September 2011, in this friendly, oversubscribed 13-19 multicultural upper school. The Law Department is well resourced, vibrant, achieves excellent examination results and is well respected by our students. We offer a progressive curriculum and are currently looking to strengthen the department further.

Closing Date: Wednesday 11th May 2011

Interviews: w/c 16th May 2011

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Willingness to work across the Federation essential.
Closing date: **Thursday, 12 May**
Interviews: **Week beginning 16 May**
Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact Mrs M Randall (Head's PA) for an appointment.
Application forms/details are downloadable from our website or by emailing the school.
St Gregory's is committed to safeguarding children and all posts are subject to an enhanced CRB check.

Leon School and Sports College

Fern Grove, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 3HQ
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To request an application form please email personnel@leon.milton-keynes.sch.uk or alternatively visit our website www.leon-school.org

Please return completed application forms to personnel@leon.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Closing date: Friday 13th May 2011, noon
Interview date: Week beginning 16th May 2011.

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BEDFORD ACADEMY

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If you are passionate about improving outcomes for students and you are looking for an exciting opportunity to have a real impact in a fast-paced, innovative environment, then we would like to hear from you.

Further details about the Academy, job descriptions and an application form can be found on our website: www.bedfordacademy.co.uk or alternatively please email Penny Carter at: pcarter@bedfordacademy.co.uk.

Closing date for applications: **Tuesday 10th May 2011**
Interviews: **Friday 13th May 2011**

Bedford Academy is committed to safeguarding the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to enhanced CRB checks and excellent references.

Bedford Academy, Mile Road, Bedford. MK42 9TR Tel: 01234 301500
www.bedfordacademy.co.uk

Holmemead Middle School

Mead End, Biggleswade, Beds SG18 8JU
Tel: 01767 318123
www.holmemeadschool.co.uk
e-mail:
holmemeadmiddle@schools.bedfordshire.gov.uk
Headteacher: Mr S C Phillips

September 2011

We are a progressive, innovative school seeking hardworking, skilled and committed team players, dedicated to achieving excellence and to having a positive impact on pupils' learning and our wider school community.

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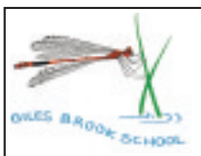
	- Maths and Numeracy Across the Curriculum (TLR2b)
	- Progress (Year) Leader (TLR2a)
Teacher of Maths	across the school, including the ability to teach Year 6 (MPS)
Class/General Subjects Teacher	The ability to offer Maths and/or English is preferable but not essential. Suitably skilled NQT's would also be considered (MPS)

The Leadership, Staff and Governors are confident that the journey to move us to the outstanding school we know we have the capability of being, is well underway. These roles provide an outstanding opportunity for you to be a key part of this next stage of our development.

Closing date for applications - Monday 16th May (12 noon)
Shortlisting - Monday 16th May (pm)
Interviews - Thursday 19th May & Friday 20th May

For an application pack, further details or to arrange a visit to the school please contact Mrs V Wilkes, Office Manager on 01767 318123. If you would like to speak to the appropriate member of the Senior Leadership Team about the future direction of the school, or any other specific issues regarding these posts, please feel free to contact the school at your convenience.

Holmemead Middle School is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be expected to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.



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Tel : 01908 312673
Email : havershamf@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Headteacher : Mrs Alison Mears BA (Hons)
KS 1 Class Teacher
Required September 2011
Salary : MPS
Fixed contract for 1 year
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Informal visits are recommended. Please contact Mrs Rachel Gregory or Mrs Alison Mears to arrange a visit and / or to collect an application pack.
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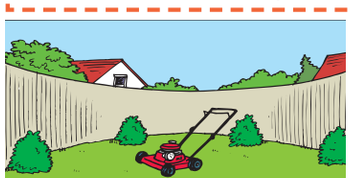

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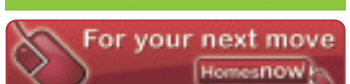

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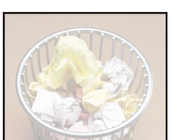

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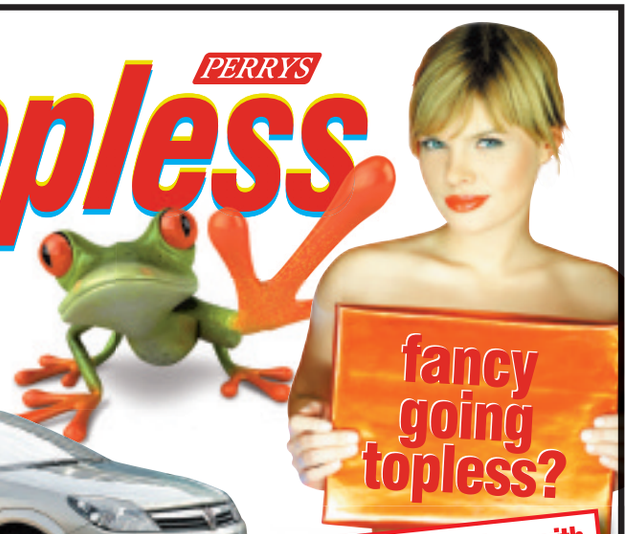

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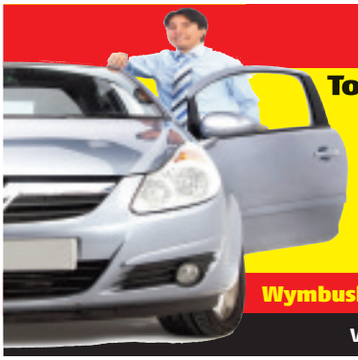

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August			
7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red H (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1
September			
4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1
October			
2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4
November			
2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC)	H	1-1
	(Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)		
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4
December			
11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0
January			
1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2
February			
2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
5	Sheff Wed	A	2-2
12	Brentford	H	1-1
15	Leyton Orient	H	2-3
19	Hartlepool	A	1-0
22	Oldham	H	0-0
26	Brighton	H	1-0
March			
5	Rochdale	A	4-1
8	Charlton	H	2-0
12	Colchester	A	3-1
21	Peterborough	H	1-0
25	Walsall	H	1-1
April			
2	Southampton	A	2-3
9	Carlisle	H	3-2
16	Swindon	A	1-0
22	Huddersfield	H	1-3
25	Plymouth	A	0-1
30	Notts County	H	2-1
May			
7	Oldham	A	

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

EVERYONE at the club is absolutely delighted to have achieved our first target of the play-offs, and now we aim to push on.

It was great to see Norwich City get promotion to the Premier League this week after being in League One last season, as that shows what can be done. Obviously it will be nice to achieve the same but we have to take it one step at a time.

This week I signed an extended contract at the club along with Karl Robinson, and it was an easy decision to make. It's a great club to be involved with, a pleasant place to work and the chairman has been fantastic.

We play a great style of football and everyone has a shared ambition to move the club in the right direction.

Our victory on Saturday against Notts County, who were playing for their lives at the bottom of the league, secured our play-off spot and was a deserved win.

Their manager Martin Allen said at the end of the game that they missed several chances, which they did, but we also had a lot of chances ourselves.

The first goal we scored has been typical of us this season, with several passes before a great ball by Peter Leven that was finished off by Sam Baldock. We believe in that style of football.

We play Oldham this weekend and will be making a few changes to give some other players a chance to show what they can do.

They have been waiting patiently for an opportunity and may be needed in the play-offs as we could face injuries.

After the game we could finish fourth, fifth or sixth in the league, and obviously we want to finish as high up as we can as that means we've had a better season.

Overtaking Peterborough would mean we play the second leg of the play-offs at home, but I think that we play the same style of football both home and away. It will be tough whoever we play, as both Peterborough and Huddersfield are good sides.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME					AWAY						
1	Brighton	45	17	4	2	54	22	11	6	5	30	17	45	94
2	Southampton	45	15	4	3	41	12	12	4	7	42	25	46	89
3	Huddersfield	45	12	7	3	34	17	13	4	6	39	27	29	86
4	Peterborough	45	14	5	3	64	40	8	5	10	37	35	26	76
5	MK Dons	45	14	5	4	35	23	8	3	11	30	36	6	74
6	Bournemouth	45	13	5	4	46	22	6	9	8	28	30	22	71
7	Leyton Orient	45	12	6	5	37	25	6	7	9	30	36	6	67
8	Exeter	45	12	5	6	40	31	7	5	10	24	41	-8	67
9	Rochdale	45	9	8	6	36	30	8	6	8	25	24	7	65
10	Brentford	45	9	5	9	24	28	8	4	10	27	30	-7	60
11	Carlisle	45	9	7	6	34	24	7	4	12	26	36	0	59
12	Colchester	45	11	7	4	36	29	4	7	12	19	33	-7	59
13	Sheff Wed	45	10	5	7	37	27	6	5	12	29	38	1	58
14	Charlton	45	10	5	7	29	29	5	8	10	33	37	-4	58
15	Tranmere	45	9	4	9	28	25	6	7	10	25	33	-5	56
16	Oldham	45	7	9	6	28	29	6	8	9	24	29	-6	56
17	Yeovil	45	8	6	9	27	30	7	5	10	27	36	-12	56
18	Hartlepool	45	9	6	8	32	32	6	5	11	15	33	-18	56
19	Notts County	45	9	2	11	23	24	5	5	13	22	35	-14	49
20	Walsall	45	9	3	11	33	36	3	9	10	22	36	-17	48
21	Dag & Red	45	8	6	9	28	27	4	5	13	24	38	-13	47
22	Bristol Rovers	45	6	7	10	24	35	5	5	12	23	45	-33	45
23	Plymouth	45	9	4	9	26	29	6	3	14	24	41	-20	42
24	Swindon	45	5	9	9	20	27	3	5	14	28	45	-24	38

The ball bulges the net as Sam Baldock raises his hand to acknowledge Dons' opener against Notts County on Saturday

Dons mug Magpies

MK Dons 2 Notts County 1

SECOND-HALF strikes from Sam Baldock and substitute Angelo Balanta saw off Notts County and booked the Dons' place in the play-offs.

The 2-1 victory secured the three points Karl Robinson's side needed, but in the end any result would have done thanks to Leyton Orient's 3-0 home defeat to Tranmere.

Robinson, who applauded the home crowd before kick-off, made two changes from the side that lost to Plymouth on Easter Monday.

Baldock and Keanu Marsh-Brown slotted back into the side at the expense of Balanta and Jabo Ibehre.

County, managed by ex-Dons boss Martin Allen, created the first real chance of the game after four minutes.

Craig Westcarr dissected the home defence with a lovely through ball to Alan Judge and David Martin was forced into a smart save from the striker's angled shot.

The Dons enjoyed plenty of possession in the opening stages and had their first opportunity when Mathias Kouo-Doumbe glanced Leven's corner wide.

Then Luke Chadwick teed up Baldock on the edge of the box who lashed a fierce shot past the post.

It was a scrappy first half that neither side took by the scruff of the neck with nothing more than half chances at either end.

There was then a moment of controversy when Sam Sodje scythed down Chadwick from behind – a tackle Robinson later described as a 'disgrace'.

Sodje escaped with a booking and Chadwick, who fell on his shoulder, was replaced by Balanta as a precaution at half time.

Dons came out for the second half looking rejuvenated and Balanta nearly made an immediate impact with a sweet drive from the edge of the box that flew just inches wide.

The breakthrough arrived shortly afterwards when Peter Leven floated a delightful ball over the top of the defence and Baldock ghosted in behind to fire past Stuart Nelson from close range.

Allen, whose side were chasing a win that would have cemented their spot in League One for next season, replaced defender Mike Edwards with striker Lee Hughes in a bid to show more attacking intent.

And his side really should have been level when Hawley was presented with a golden opportunity at close range.

The striker collected a drilled cross and weaved his way into the six yard box but his shot was superbly tipped wide by Martin.

They were made to pay for the miss when Balanta, a constant threat since coming on, poked home from close range after Baldock had laid him in following a short corner.

County hit back when Hughes met a Westcarr corner with his head at the back post, the ball possibly taking a touch off Hawley before going over the line.

MK Dons: MK Dons: Martin, Lewington, Kouo-Doumbe, Mackenzie, O'Hanlon, Gleeson, S.Baldock (Clayton 85), Marsh-Brown (Ibehre 71), Leven, Chadwick (Balanta 46), Powell. Unused subs: Searle, Guy, Woodards, Chicksen.

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MID-TABLE Oldham's final league position can vary dramatically depending on Saturday's results.

Paul Dickov's side could finish as high as 12th or as low as 18th.

They go into the game in good form, having lost just one of their last six matches, so will be confident of keeping that run going.

The Dons had to settle for a frustrating goalless draw back in the corresponding fixture in February at a time when both sides had hopes of the play-offs. Now Dons need a point to maintain fifth spot.

Luke is the fans' favourite

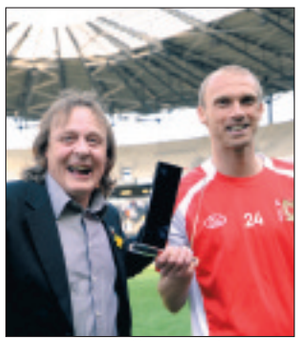
LUKE Chadwick has been voted as the Dons fans' player of the year for the second consecutive season after topping their vote.

The midfielder, who recently signed a new two-year deal with the club, was presented with the prize by chairman Pete Winkelman after the 2-1 win against Notts County on Saturday.

He has shone this season in a free role behind the lone striker in Karl Robinson's 4-2-3-1 formation.

Thirty-year-old Chadwick initially joined the club on loan from Norwich City until making the move permanent at the start of 2009.

The former Manchester United man has racked up a total of 125 appearances for the club.



Fans' favourite: Chairman Pete with midfielder Luke Chadwick

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LOCAL CRICKET

FOUR COUNTIES CRICKET LEAGUE

Division One

NEWPORT Pagnell started the season by defeating Biddenham by 37 runs, after being dismissed themselves for 105.

Biddenham collapsed to 68 all out after 29 overs with Sam Chapman taking 4/7.

New Bradwell batted first against Eaton Bray and reached a total of 146 all out after 33.3 overs with Faheem Aftab top scoring with 37.

In reply, Eaton chased down the total in just 23.1 overs for the loss of just three wickets, with Wes Hosking hitting 54.

Milton Keynes CC were hammered by North Crawley who posted 294/7 batting first.

Alex Walker smashed a brilliant 169 off just 108 balls before he was run out, and MK crumbled to 109 all out in response to lose by 185 runs.

MK City CC had better luck, winning by eight wickets against Elstow, who were dismissed for 140.

Jin Lall made 42 as the total was chased down after 24 overs with the loss of just two wickets.

Olney Town also enjoyed a comfortable victoru, defeating Studham by eight wickets.

Studham collapsed to 101 all out after 37.5 overs and Olney needed just 22 overs to win the game, reaching 102/2.

Division Two

IN DIVISION Two, Aspley Guise got off to a good start by defeating Caddington by six wickets.

Atif Ali scored 75 in Caddington's first innings score of 214/5 but David Papworth hit 97 as Aspley reached 215/4 after 40 overs.

New City (Milton Keynes) enjoyed a massive win over Aylesbury Town, with Aylesbury not batting after City had reached 258/6.

Milton Bryan defeated Cranfield University after posting 230/9, with Cranfield only making 151/8.

And Eggington Foresters cruised past Shenley Church End after posting 178 all out after 39.3 overs.

In response, Shenley were dismissed for just 88, losing by 90 runs.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE

STONY Stratford chalked up their first victory of the season against Rushden Town thanks to a sensational innings from new professional Sharn Gomes.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, Stony got off to a dreadful start when they lost Richard Scott for a duck. The opener was caught and bowled by Jake Higginbotham and Stony went on to lose both Paul West and Kevin Wijesinghe, who also failed to trouble the scorers, to leave the side struggling on 17/3.

Wijesinghe fell LBW to Higginbotham and West was also given out leg before, this time to Simon Branston.

Gomes stayed put though and pulled his side out of trouble with his master knock.

He blasted a superb unbeaten 183 from 152 balls which meant that there was no way back for Rushden.

His innings included 21 fours and five sixes and took his side to an impressive total of 308/7 from their 55 overs.

The seventh wicket partnership with Prasanna Wijesinge, who added 33, was worth 159.

Branston ended up with figures of 4/87 and was the best of the Rushden bowlers.

In response Rushden quickly collapsed to 6/2, with Tom West falling LBW to Steve Bellew for three and Sam Fowler holing out to Gomes off the bowling of Chris Guy for the same score.

Guy then struck again twice in quick succession to remove Jasper Davies and Jordan Baxter, who were both caught behind by wicket keeper Jarrod Pretorius.

Only Tom Smith, who struck 54, and Simon Branston, who made 63, offered any resistance and Rushden were eventually skittled for 202, handing the victory to Stony Stratford by 106 runs.

The win means that Stony have bounced back from a disappointing defeat on opening day, when they lost to Wollaston by three wickets.

Guy, who ended up with figures of 3/49, and skipper Bellew, who chipped in with 2/18 from his 10.5 owners, were the pick of the bowlers.

Nico Rosberg alongside Sebastian Vettel in the battle for the lead in the Grand Prix of China

Drivers put Turkish blame game behind them

FORMULA ONE

RED Bull drivers Sebastian Vettel and Mark Webber are gearing up for this weekend's Turkish Grand Prix after a period of recuperation over Easter.

World Champion Vettel spent the weekend with his family and said it was 'good to do normal things again' after so long on the road.

But it's back to business on Friday when practice and qualifying gets under way at the Istanbul Park circuit.

Last year Turkey proved to be a disaster for Red Bull after both drivers collided with each other.

German Vettel was forced to retire and Webber, who had started the race from pole position, had to make do with third place.

Team principal Christian Horner described the incident as 'the worst possible thing that you could see'.

Both drivers blamed each other for the smash and are now understandably keen to make amends.

Vettel, who currently has a 21-point lead over Lewis Hamilton at the top of the drivers' standings, said: "I especially like the place as it is where I had my first F1 test drive.

"Our car should be strong there, but of course we have to respect our competitors and never take anything for granted. People are pushing hard, but we are pushing very hard too to maintain our strengths."

The World Champion added that the Turkish circuit would provide many challenges but said it was a track he enjoys driving on.

"I like the Turkish circuit, it has all types of corner, slow and fast, like Turn Eight," he said.

"It's an awesome corner, we try to take it flat year by year. It's fast and extremely bumpy, so you can hardly see where you're going, you turn in and hope for the best."

Australian Webber also highlighted Turn Eight as one to watch ahead of the Grand Prix.

He said: "It is a very, very long corner with multiple apexes and is very high speed, which puts added strain on the tyres and the drivers' necks. It's also a corner that rewards accuracy with your racing line if you get it right early in the corner."

Webber is fourth in the World Championship standings and said he had also used Easter to enjoy some 'down-time'.

He also expressed concern that there might not be a good attendance for Sunday's race.

"Unfortunately, I think it's a pretty expensive race for locals to attend which means the atmosphere is not what it could be," he said.

"It's a bit of a shame as the drivers look forward to going there, I know I am."

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Play-offs? We deserve it says manager Robinson

BY DAN PALMER
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MK DONS boss Karl Robinson has lavished praise on his side after a fantastic week for both himself and the club.

The 2-1 home victory over Notts County on Saturday secured a League One play-off spot and means that Championship football next season is a very real possibility.

It came just days after Robinson had committed his future to the Dons by penning a new three year deal.

Now, the 29-year-old has his sights firmly set on promotion with his side just three games away from going up.

He said: "We always had the belief in ourselves that we were capable of getting out of the league this year.

"Our first goal was automatic promotion, and we're disappointed not to have achieved that, but we are pleased to be in the play-offs with some very good teams."

Robinson added that achieving the play-off spot was 'fully deserved'.

"On the first day of pre-season we sat down and spoke about application, hard work and endeavour and all the components you need other than talent and they've done all of that," he said.

"They're a hungry and determined bunch, and they have a winning mentality.

"It's hard to explain how proud I am of them."

The Dons will not find out their play-off semi-final opponents until after Saturday's final league game at Oldham, with either Peterborough United or Huddersfield waiting in the wings.

Sam Baldock strikes to put Dons one-up against Notts County on Saturday – see the ball in the back of the net on page 66

Robinson's men currently sit in fifth but would be leapfrogged by Bournemouth if they lose to Oldham and the Cherries win against Rochdale, thanks to the south coast club's vastly superior goal difference.

This would set up a tie with Huddersfield, whose hopes of automatic promotion were dashed on Monday after Southampton saw off Plymouth 3-1.

Remaining in fifth spot would mean a two-legged clash with Peterborough, but if the Posh slip up against Dagenham & Redbridge on Saturday the Dons could move above their rivals into fourth, meaning they would play the crucial second leg of the semi at stadiummk.

According to Robinson, the play-offs would be a "lottery" regardless of who the Dons are paired with.

He said: "We have to make sure that we prepare properly for when the play-offs come around as there are some very talented teams in there.

"It's great to have a chance. I was sat here 12 months ago and the doom and gloom surrounded us.

"Twelve months on and sunshine surrounds the stadium."

The victory over County cemented the play-off spot but Leyton Orient's defeat to Tranmere meant that any result on Saturday would have done.

Robinson saw his side concede after going 2-0 in front but he said he didn't think the Magpies would come away with anything.

"No disrespect to County but I always felt that we had another gear," he said.

Now, Robinson is set to rest some of his star players for this Saturday's clash with Oldham.

He said: "The job's not done as we've got to go to Oldham next week and be professional, but we will see who we've got fit and who we can perhaps give a rest."

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